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1. EMBOFF CONVEYED US VIEWS ON DONORS MEETING ON SEPT 5 TO BERENDONCK, FOREIGN OFFICE SEA CHIEF, AND ALSO TO LEHMANN IN AID MINISTRY. BERENDONCK SAID THAT FRG VIEWS DONORS MEETING AS HIGHLY USEFUL EXERCISE, AND THAT FRG PLANS TO PARTICIPATE. FRG SUPPORTS FORMATION OF CONSULTATIVE SUB-GROUPS FOR VIETNAM AND LAOS FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXCHANGES OF VIEWS AND COORDINATION OF BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. IN FRG VIEW, SUB-GROUPS SHOULD NOT BECOME VEHICLE FOR MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS OR BE USED FOR PLEDGING PURPOSES. LEHMANN BELIEVES IT IS IMPORTANT TO INCLUDE RECIPIENT COUNTRIES IN THESE SUB-GROUPS, AS IS CASE WITH OTHER IBRD GROUPS.

2. FRG BASICALLY AGREES WITH US VIEWS CONCERNING TREATMENT OF AID TO NORTH VIETNAM. ON QUESTION OF FORMING SUB-GROUP FOR NORTH VIETNAM, BERENDONCK NOTED THAT FRG DOES NOT AT PRESENT PROVIDE AID TO NORTH VIETNAM, AND SAID THAT FRG POSITION WAS OPEN.

3. FRG-SOUTH VIETNAM AID AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED IN SAIGON SEPT 5, THUS PERMITTING FRG TO START IMPLEMENTATION OF BILATERAL PROGRAMS. AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR PROJECT LOANS TOTALLING DM 40 MILLION, A REDUCTION OF DM 9 MILLION FROM THE DM 49 MILLION PROGRAM ORIGINALLY DISCUSSED (REF B). FRG IS THUS COMMITTED TO MODEST DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN VIETNAM. HOWEVER, FRG IS STILL SKEPTICAL ABOUT EFFECTIVENESS OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN AN AREA THAT IS NOT AT PEACE. LEHMANN INDICATED THAT THIS CONCERN WOULD BE IMPORTANT FACTOR IN CHOOSING PROJECTS. PROJECTS WILL THEREFORE PROBABLY BE CONCENTRATED IN SAIGON AREA AND WILL BE MODEST IN SCALE.
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